

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: List

SUBJECT : Draft Strategy Reports for FY 75
Key Intelligence Questions

1. Attached are draft Strategy Reports for 21 of the Key Intelligence Questions for FY 1975. As you know, these constitute -- for each KIQ -- one of the two documents the DCI expects from the National Intelligence Officers in connection with the implementation of his Key Intelligence Question concept. The Strategy Reports, to be done early in the fiscal year in question, outline (for each KIQ) that which needs to be done in both the collection and analysis/production areas and notes which Community components are going to take on the various tasks thus identified. At the end of the fiscal year, a second report will be submitted to the DCI assessing how well the Community and its several components have done in discharging the tasks laid out and accepted in the Strategy Reports.

2. The KIQ concept is a new one and its procedures are still being evolved. It is thus important to understand what these draft Strategy Reports are and what they are not.

a. Per the DCI's explicit instructions, each of these drafts was prepared by the NIO responsible for that KIQ in concert with knowledgeable officers from the line and staff elements around the Community most concerned with the functional or geographic area involved.

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b. These draft Strategy Reports, however, are still drafts, subject to further discussion and review. It is important to appreciate this because the individual statements by senior working-level officers of what is feasible may, in the aggregate, make resource commitments which the top managers of the various components of the Community cannot endorse. Thus there must be a second stage to a two-stage process: a look at each KIQ and the KIQs together by each agency, and a look at the Community's resources as a whole to make any adjustments and commitments which appear necessary.

3. As soon as possible, the remaining Strategy Reports on the FY 75 KIQs will be sent to you in the draft stage. The DCI then plans to disseminate the complete package of drafts through USIB channels for review by appropriate command elements and to discuss it at a meeting of the USIB before finally accepting and endorsing the Strategy Reports.

4. We hope this advance distribution will help you keep tabs on how the FY 75 KIQ procedure is progressing. Additional draft Strategy Reports will be forwarded for your information when they reach the level of coordination reflected in those attached to this memorandum. We greatly appreciate the cooperation and assistance your colleagues have rendered during this first cut. Again, it should be understood that their provisional commitments will be subject to review and ratification by appropriate command echelons.

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